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Frangos!

Set Your Calendar: January 27, 7pm, at McClure

PHOTO BY ASAHEL CURTIS. THE ARGUS, 1929

Everyone over age 30 in Seattle has a memory of Frederick & Nelson's department store. At the next meeting of the Queen Anne Historical Society on Wednesday, Jan. 27th, 2010, the public is invited to hear Ann Wendell, Northwest author, tell stories and show photographs of Seattle's most famous store.

The program begins at 7:00 pm in the library of McClure Middle School at First Ave. W. and W. Crockett St. Anne Wendell is a native Seattleite whose father worked at Frederick's for over 35 years. Anne's book "Images of America: Frederick & Nelson" has received warm reviews for its colorful telling of the 100 year history of Frederick's Christmas windows, Clark the doorman, the Tea Room, the elevator girls and countless other photos and stories. She has gathered pictures and reminiscences from thousands of customers and employees. Bring your own stories about Frederick's and join your neighbors on Jan. 27th.

Further information may be obtained by calling 206-438-2740 or (206) 284-2266 or email help@qahistory.org.

Frangos will be served, but don't come late!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Some have said that Frango is an acronym for **FR**ederick **A**nd Nelson **GO**odness. Hear the story from author Ann Wendell on the 27th
- 100 years of Washington Suffrage
- Vision developing for Lower Kinnear Park .
- If only it was 20 degrees cooler … the Counterbalance by Kim
- Looking ahead: Next QAHS meeting March 24

The wider net: AKCHO Annual Meeting

Since 1977 the Association of King County Historical Organizations (AKCHO) has been the leading proponent and forum for addressing heritage issues at our local and county levels.

AKCHO Annual Meeting will be held January 26, 9:30 am - 1 pm, at the Museum of Flight, 9404 East Marginal Way S, Seattle, WA 98108, 206-764-5720

Luncheon and Program - $25 per person, advance registration required

Dr. Bonnie J. Dunbar, President and CEO of the Museum of Flight will be the program speaker. Dr. Dunbar joined the Museum in October 2005 after retiring from the NASA Johnson Space Center where she was Associate Director, Technology Integration and Risk Management for the Space Life Sciences Directorate (SLSD) of the NASA Johnson Space Center.

Following the luncheon catered by McCormick and Schmick's, the galleries of the Museum will be open for your viewing pleasure until closing.

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Lower Kinnear Park Conceptual Design Workshops at Bayview

KINNEAR PARK BENEFITS FROM A $15,000 SMALL AND SIMPLE GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS

POSTCARD SHOWING KINNEAR PARK, FROM QAHISTORY.ORG (AND IN THE ARCHIVES)

From the FOLKpark folks:

Friends of Lower Kinnear Park (FOLKpark) is transforming Seattle's oldest park into a thriving urban forest for our community. The workshops will continue on Thurdays, February 25 and April 8, at Bayview Retirement Community, 11 W. Aloha Street. All workshops start at 6:30 p.m.

Kinnear Park is the first Seattle park property to have been cleared and planted. Lower Kinnear Park comprises the lower 5 acres of the Park, long neglected in the Park's upkeep.

The largest park on Queen Anne Hill, Kinnear Park encompasses 14 steeply sloping acres between West Olympic Place and West Mercer Place. George Kinnear, the property donor, moved to Seattle permanently in 1874 from Illinois. He was so impressed with our beautiful city that he immediately purchased several large pieces of property on Queen Anne. Kinnear promoted the first wagon road through Snoqualmie pass, and organized the Immigration Board. In 1889, his neighbors asked him to sell some of his wooded land to the City, and he did so - for one dollar.

Formerly planted with formal gardens in the Victorian style, it is now a more naturalistic park, with walking paths, picnic sites, and informal gathering areas.

More information on FOLKpark is available at www.folkpark.org, and Kinnear Park history can be searched at www.qahistory.org.

Members!

Membership notice

The Membership Year is January 1 through December 31. Please use the enclosed form and envelope to return your membership dues to the Society.

Your membership is **vital** to helping us carry out our mission: to preserve our community's heritage and promote the public's understanding of its past. We thank you for your past and present support, and hope that you will continue this support into the 2010 year. Thanks in advance for your support!

To learn more, please contact our Membership Chair, Tara Lawrence, at 206-281-8430, or by email at Tara@qahistory.org.

Centennials in 2010 — let us know!

Let us know of centennials happening this year! These milestones are often lost in the sands of time, but can receive special attention by the Society in its events and publications.

Perhaps the most auspicious centennial in 2010 might not seem to be particular to Queen Anne: Women won the right to vote on November 8, 1910. Many of the prominent citizens on the Hill — men and women — fought for women's suffrage a hundred years ago. The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition provided a mighty forum for the fight.

National suffragist leader Dr. Anna Howard Shaw joined many local leaders, including Queen Anne ministers Thomas Elliott (Queen Anne Methodist) and Sydney Strong (Queen Anne Congregational), in activities and preaching in conjunction with the AYPE. The results came the following year.

HistoryLink.org reports: "Breaking a 14-year gridlock in the national woman suffrage crusade, the state becomes the fifth in the nation to enfranchise women. … Washington's enactment of woman suffrage opened the floodgates for other Western states, which quickly voted to enfranchise women. Women in the more entrenched Eastern and Southern states had to wait until 1920, when they gained equal suffrage through ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. "

Please let the Society know of other Queen Anne Hill events

SEATTLE WOMEN POSTING SIGNS TO PROMOTE WOMAN SUFFRAGE, 1910 COURTESY UW SPECIAL COLLECTIONS (NEG. A. CURTIS 19943)

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE QUEEN ANNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS TO RECORD AND PRESERVE, IN PERMANENT FORM, THE HISTORY OF THE SETTLING OF THE QUEEN ANNE COMMUNITY IN SEATTLE, WA AND TO DEVELOP WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AN APPRECIATION AND CONCERN FOR ITS HISTORY AND ITS HISTORICAL SITES.

At Your Service ...

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Kim's Musings: Sliding down the Counterbalance

Having spent two weeks frolicking with holidays, friends, former classmates, relatives, and a mountain of food (my refrigerator is crammed) I can take a little time to remember some wild holiday season adventures on Queen Anne Hill. One such which comes readily to mind was about 44 years ago, when several co-workers and I rode in Paul Fong's VW Beetle, going up a snow-covered Counterbalance. We made it almost to Highland Drive, when Paul shifted gears, and we started sliding back done the avenue. The result was that we had to go around the hill and take the east side journey up Taylor and Fifth North to get to the home of Mike Jolly, whose Mom, Katy, at least a few years ago, was still living in the family home on Hayes Street. We spent a great New Years' at the home, and the legendary attempt to make it to the top is a good memory. Looking out at the rainy Seattle landscape today brings many memories of heavy snow, and aren't we lucky that it isn't like last year!? Time moves forward, and here I am, still gainfully employed at the Downtown Library, a warm, well-lighted place for books. It is just another four years and we will celebrate the centennial of the Queen Anne Branch of the library, which opened in 1914 and still provides much for the needs of Queen Anne residents. I long ago made a New Years' resolution to never make another New Years' resolution. I have kept that resolution, faithfully for more than 30 years. A prosperous, safe and healthful New Year to everyone! Kim R. Turner

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